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SUBJECT: SOMALIA - PUNTLAND INTELLIGENCE SERVICE  
INSTALLATION IN BOSSASO ATTACKED

REF: NAIROBI 601

Classified By: Somalia Unit Counselor Bob Patterson. Reasons: 1.4 b,d  
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(S) At about 0100 (local), March 28, a group of about 12 - 15 gunmen attacked a Puntland Intelligence Service (PIS) installation in the town of Bossaso. No one at the PIS installation was injured during the relatively prolonged firefight. It is possible that one of the attackers was wounded, or killed during the fighting. The attack was in apparent retaliation for the March 24 arrest in Bossaso by PIS operatives and Puntland police of Sheikh Osman Mohamed Shire (reftel). (Sheikh Osman was reportedly the cleric who presided at the October 27, 2008, procedure in Kismaayo that ended in the stoning to death of a Somali girl who had been accused of adultery.) The PIS is attempting to trace the whereabouts of the attackers. No one had been detained as of 1200 (local), and no one has claimed responsibility for the attack.  
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